

shall accompany the mortgage or deed of trust; and the insurance commissioner shall have the authority, when any of the securities mentioned in this section and held by any insurance company reporting to him are of doubtful market value, or without any ascertainable value in the exchange, to cause the same to be appraised by two disinterested and competent persons, whose estimate of the value of such securities shall be taken to be the value thereof, unless the company, by placing some of them upon the market, and obtaining a *bona fide* offer therefor, shall so establish for them a different value.

Fraternal Alliance v. State, 86 Md. 558.

1888, art. 23, sec. 137. 1860, art. 56, sec. 35. 1858, ch. 432, sec. 8.

1872, ch. 388, 1874, ch. 400. 1876, ch. 248. 1878, ch. 106.

**187.** Whenever the attorney-general of the State or the State's attorney for the city of Baltimore or for any county of this State shall be required by the insurance commissioner to institute proceedings against any insurance company, incorporated under the laws of this State, to ascertain whether such corporation has been guilty of such misuse, abuse or non-user of its corporate powers and franchises, as by law would authorize and make proper the forfeiture of its charter, corporate powers and franchises, the said attorney-general, or State's attorney, as the case may be, so required, shall file with the superior court of Baltimore city, or the circuit court for the county, as the case may be, a petition in the name of the State, setting forth fully in detail the alleged abuse, misuse or non-user, by reason whereof the forfeiture is sought; and upon the filing of such petition, the court in which it is filed, or any judge thereof, shall lay a rule requiring the said company or corporation to show cause, within such time as the said judge may deem proper, why a decree of forfeiture should not be passed as prayed in said petition; a copy of which rule, and the petition shall be served on the president, manager, secretary, or some other officer of the said company or corporation, by a day to be therein limited, not exceeding twenty days, as other processes against such companies or corporations are directed to be served; and further proceedings shall be had in said cause in conformity with the provisions of this article.

Ibid. sec. 138. 1860, art. 56, sec. 36. 1858, ch. 432, sec. 8. 1872, ch. 388.

1874, ch. 400. 1876, ch. 248. 1878, ch. 106. 1894, ch. 175.

**188.** Any person or persons, or any company or association, violating any of the provisions of sections 158–187, inclusive,